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JURY CONVICTS GANG MEMBER IN CRACK CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City area gang member was found guilty by a federal jury for his role in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

Clinton B. Allen, 26, of Kansas City, was found guilty by a federal trial jury on Dec. 7, 2004, of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Following the presentation of evidence in **Allen's** trial, Graves said, the jury in U.S. District Court in Kansas City returned the guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith, ending a trial that began on Dec. 6, 2004.

The federal jury found **Allen** guilty of participating in a conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine, as well as diazepam, from Jan. 1, 1999, to Oct. 30, 2003.

During the conspiracy, **Allen** and co-conspirators were loosely organized into the Hilltop and 25th St. gangs. They obtained controlled substances for resale and possessed firearms in order to protect their drug supplies and the proceeds of their drug sales, Graves said.

Allen fled from police on at least two occasions. On March 9, 2001, **Allen** fled police officers at a high rate of speed in the area of 24th Street and Quincy in Kansas City, before crashing into another vehicle and running on foot. During the car chase, **Allen** carried a loaded and concealed .357 Magnum revolver in his vehicle. On Oct. 16, 2002, **Allen** fled police at a high rate of speed near 26th Street and Van Brunt in Kansas City. In the vehicle was more than five grams of crack cocaine packaged for sale. On March 10, 2003, **Allen** was driving a stolen car and fled from police in the area of 49th and Mongall. The jury found **Allen** guilty of possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 10, 2003, and illegal possession of a firearm during the drug-trafficking crime in connection with these events.

Allen was arrested on Aug. 20, 2003, in an apartment from which crack cocaine was

being sold, and from which over 19 grams of crack cocaine, packaged for sale, was recovered by police.

As a result of pleading guilty, Allen may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. His sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kathleen D. Mahoney and W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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